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DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

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Honorable John Walker
Mayor, Town of Calhoun
746 Highway 163
P. O. Box 115
Calhoun, TN 37309

Subject: **EPA Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Program (MS4)
NPDES General Permit (Tracking #TNS088480)
Automatic Waiver from Coverage Eligibility
Calhoun, McMinn County, Tennessee**

Dear Mayor Walker:

The Tennessee Division of Water Resources (the division) would like to take this opportunity to inform you that Federal EPA recently notified the division that several jurisdictions across the state must be considered for inclusion in the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program. Since the Town of Calhoun was included among these jurisdictions, the division would like to, first of all, offer this short introduction to the Tennessee MS4 permitting program as required under 40 CFR Part 122. There are a total of eighty-seven active, permitted MS4 programs across the state. Tennessee's four major cities (Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis, and Nashville) are considered Phase I MS4s and operate under individual NPDES permits. The remaining eighty-three MS4s, consisting of cities, counties, universities and TDOT, are all considered to be Phase II MS4s and are covered by the NPDES General Permit for Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, TNS000000; except for TDOT that is covered under an individual permit.

EPA has established certain MS4 designation criteria based on population, population density, growth, and the potential to pollute receiving waters. Additionally, EPA established criteria for waiving the coverage eligibility requirements that are also based on population and the potential to pollute receiving waters. The division has determined that, since the population of the Town of Calhoun is less than 1000, the town qualifies for an automatic waiver from coverage under the MS4 program. It is not necessary for Calhoun to take any action; this letter is notification of this action and requires no follow-up.

If you have questions concerning this letter or the MS4 program in general, please contact Mr. Jason Dees at the Chattanooga Environmental Field Office at (423) 634-5704 or jason.dees@tn.gov; or, at this office, please contact Paul Higgins at (615) 532-1178 or by E-mail at paul.higgins@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

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